

106TH CONGRESS
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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for cataloging and maintaining public memorials commemorating military conflicts of the United States and the service of individuals in the Armed Forces.

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Whereas there are many thousands of public memorials scattered throughout the United States and abroad that commemorate military conflicts of the United States and the service of individuals in the Armed Forces;

Whereas these memorials have never been comprehensively cataloged;

Whereas many of these memorials suffer from neglect and disrepair, and many have been relocated or stored in facilities where they are unavailable to the public and subject to further neglect and damage;

Whereas there exists a need to collect and centralize information regarding the location, status, and description of these memorials;

Whereas the Federal Government maintains information on memorials only if they are Federally funded; and

Whereas Remembering Veterans Who Earned Their Stripes (a nonprofit corporation established as RVETS, Inc. under the laws of the State of Nevada) has undertaken a self-funded program to catalogue the memorials located in the United States that commemorate military conflicts of the United States and the service of individuals in the Armed Forces, and has already obtained information on more than 7000 memorials in 50 States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the people of the United States owe a debt
 4 of gratitude to veterans for their sacrifices in de-
 5 fending the Nation during times of war and peace;

6 (2) public memorials that commemorate mili-
 7 tary conflicts of the United States and the service of
 8 individuals in the Armed Forces should be main-
 9 tained in good condition, so that future generations
 10 may know of the burdens borne by these individuals;

1 (3) Federal, State, and local agencies respon-
2 sible for the construction and maintenance of these
3 memorials should cooperate in cataloging these me-
4 morials and providing the resulting information to
5 the Department of the Interior; and

6 (4) the Secretary of the Interior, acting through
7 the Director of the National Park Service, should—

8 (A) collect and maintain information on
9 public memorials that commemorate military
10 conflicts of the United States and the service of
11 individuals in the Armed Forces;

12 (B) coordinate efforts at collecting and
13 maintaining this information with similar ef-
14 forts by other entities, such as Remembering
15 Veterans Who Earned Their Stripes (a non-
16 profit corporation established as RVETS, Inc.
17 under the laws of the State of Nevada); and

18 (C) make this information available to the
19 public.

Passed the House of Representatives September 19,
2000.

Attest:

Clerk.